

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this paper, Applicant replies to the Office Action of November 24, 2008 and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

Claims 266-282 are now pending, a total of 34 claims. Claims 166, 274 and 275 are independent. Claim 266 corresponds to claim 14 as originally filed in 2001. Claim 274 corresponds to claim 1 as originally filed in 2001. Claim 282 corresponds to claim 36 as it was added by amendment in December 2005.

This paper is submitted pursuant to an agreement reached in a telephone interview of January 22, 2009, to reinstate claims as they stood before the amendment of April 20, 2007, in the manner provided by PTO recommendations.¹ A further supplemental amendment will be filed shortly.

Applicant submits that the application will, after the next amendment, be in condition for examination and allowance. A Petition for Extension of Time for one month renders this paper timely. In the event that further extension of time is required, Applicant petitions for that extension of time required to make this reply timely. Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account No. 50-3938, Order No. 00-8201.

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¹ Originally pending claims are reinstated, using the procedure advised by the Patent Office at www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/revised121qnas.htm, answer to question A8.